

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair, as do other broadcasters, uses the public airwaves free of charge. It is obligated by law to serve the public interest, however, when the airwaves are controlled by large corporations we get what's good for their bottom line instead of programming that serves democratic (and I don't mean the political party) principals. Instead of just broadcasting news from a central source, it's important that we see people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter to our communities.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.